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U.S. Fleet Forces Announces New Fleet Master Chief *From U.S. Fleet Forces Public Affairs*

NORFOLK, Va. – U.S. Fleet Forces Command (USFF) announced the selection of the command's new fleet master chief, the senior enlisted leader for the Navy's Atlantic Fleet, Aug. 27.

Command Master Chief Chuck Clarke, who's currently serving in the top enlisted job at U.S. Fifth Fleet in Bahrain, will take over for Fleet Master Chief Mike Stevens, who's slated to become the 13th Master Chief Petty Officer of the Navy at the end of September.

"Master Chief Chuck Clarke is a tremendous leader with a wealth of experience in a variety of assignments," said Stevens. "He has our Navy's and our Sailor's best interests in mind and can provide the commander with a unique perspective that will only help to increase mission readiness throughout the Fleet."

In his new assignment, Clarke will become the command's senior enlisted advisor for more than 100,000 active duty and reserve personnel who serve on more than 120 ships and submarines and nearly 80 shore activities within the U.S. Fleet Forces Command area of responsibility.

Clarke, who was born in Georgetown, Guyana (South America), enlisted in the Navy in 1987. His previous assignments include USS Dubuque (LPD 8), USS Mount Vernon (LSD 39), USS Iwo Jima (LHD 7), Naval Mobile Construction Battalion (NMCB) 40, Recruit Training Command and Personnel Support Detachment Point Loma in San Diego, Calif., Naval Support Activity, La Maddalena, Italy; and Helicopter Tactical Wing Atlantic Fleet, Norfolk, Va.

Prior to U.S. Fifth Fleet, he served as the command master chief aboard the carriers USS Kitty Hawk (CVN 63) and USS Nimitz (CVN 68).

Clark is a graduate of the Navy's Senior Enlisted Academy, the Command Master Chief/ Chief of the Boat Course and the National Defense University Keystone Course. He's hold an Associate's Degree from National University, a Bachelor's from Excelsior College, and a Master's in human relations from the University of Oklahoma.

His personal decorations include the Meritorious Service Medal (two awards), Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal (six awards), Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal (six awards), and the Military Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal.